



## Information sheet: national visa

### Visa for students (Section 16b Residence Act)

#### Basic information

- Please check the basic information on the website first
- The German mission is only competent should you have your permanent residence in Tanzania
- Documents not in the German or English language must be submitted with a certified German translation. A translation of the personal data page of the passport is, however, not required.
- Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalisation. Your original documents will be returned to you once your application has been processed.
- As a rule, visa applications must be approved by the relevant foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received.
- **Processing time is as a rule ca. one month once application is complete** but can take longer in individual cases.
- Flight reservations are not required to apply for a visa – please only book when you have received your visa.
- The mission abroad reserves the right to request further documents.
- Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.
- **Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period.** Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.

#### General information

Foreign students who have been accepted by a German university (where applicable with a preparatory language course) or a preparatory college (Studienkolleg) can apply for a visa to study in Germany. You are advised to secure your admittance or acceptance from the university **as early as possible**.

→ During your studies, you can take up student jobs to help cover your expenses.

→ Upon completing your studies, you will have the opportunity to look for a job.

Use the following checklist to make sure your application documents are complete. Please bring a print out to your interview.

All documents listed here are to be submitted in the requested **form and order**.



### Visa application checklist

The following documents are to be submitted in full with every application.

- One fully [completed and signed applications](#) including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- Where applicable, one declaration fully completed and signed regarding contact details and power of attorney
- One recent biometric passport photo (see specimen photos)
- Valid passport (personally signed and with at least one completely empty pages)
- One uncertified copy of the data page of your valid passport
- Proof of admittance to the study course/preparatory college (original and one copy), including information on the language of instruction
- Proof of language skills: Should your language skills not have been approved by the university, proof of language skills in language of instruction. Language certificate must be certified [by a ALTE institution](#). (without a preparatory language course as a rule at least B2 in the language of instruction)
- Where available: Certificates of other academic qualifications (original and one copy)
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation
- Information about accommodation upon arrival – where do you intend to stay?
- Proof of adequate financial means  
Financing  
To stay in Germany the applicant must have at their disposal at least 934 €, net per month. Proof must be submitted with the application of financial means for at least one year, which is at least 11,208 € (for example, in the [form of a blocked account](#) or a formal letter of obligation (Verpflichtungserklärung).  
  
Unlike other visa applicants, **university applicants without an admittance notification** who are applying for a visa pursuant to Section 17 (2) of the Residence Act must have at their disposal at least 947 € net per month (11,364 € per annum).  
  
Scholarship  
Proof of scholarship including amount being covered.



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- Proof of adequate health insurance cover

If as a student you want to take out statutory health insurance, you must bear in mind that this insurance can only begin when you take up residence in Germany and after enrolment. If you enter Germany beforehand, private health insurance must be taken out for the period prior to enrolment and registering for statutory health insurance. In its terms and conditions, travel health insurance can exclude protection if a long-term or permanent stay is planned. So-called incoming travel insurance can also contain such exclusions.

**In the case of preparatory language course or internship**

- Acceptance for preparatory language course or internship

**Applicant of a nationality other than Tanzania**

- Proof of habitual abode by Tanzania

**Fee**

- Visa fee of 75 €. Payable in TZS

**Completeness of application**

- The application is complete:  Yes  No, the information/documents indicated above are lacking.

**Declaration when applications are not complete:**

I have been informed that my application is not complete. I am aware that submitting an incomplete application can lead to the application being rejected. I would like to submit my application nevertheless.

\_\_\_\_\_ place, date, signature